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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT - BOARD REQUESTED REPORTS ON DHS CONTRACT PHYSICIAN OVERSIGHT, PHYSICIAN TIMEKEEPING PROTOCOLS AND INVESTIGATION OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT (Board Agenda Item 61-A, July 15, 2005 and Item 85-A, August 30, 2005)**

At the July 19, 2005 meeting, your Board instructed the Auditor-Controller to conduct a follow-up audit of the Department of Health Services' (DHS) monitoring of contract physicians at King/Drew Medical Center. At the August 30, 2005 meeting, your Board instructed us to review DHS' implementation of the recommendations from our August 19, 2005 report on Physician Timekeeping Protocols, Contracted Physician Oversight and Outside Employment. We were also instructed to work with DHS' Audit and Compliance Division, and the County Director of Personnel to determine whether there were any improprieties at the DHS facilities, and to expedite disciplinary action on any substantiated cases.

In our December 22, 2005 status report, we indicated that we would postpone our review of physician timekeeping controls and the implementation status of our recommendations until DHS had finalized and implemented the revised timekeeping policies and procedures, and trained their staff on the new requirements. At that time, DHS indicated that the implementation would be completed by April 2006.

We expect to issue our report to your Board by May 23, 2006.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Jim Schneiderman at (626) 293-1101.

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